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Ohio Emergency Management Unveils New Ohio EMA Logo

Ohio EMA Executive Director Nancy Dragani and Emergency Management Association of Ohio President William Walker unveiled the new logo for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency on Wednesday. The logo, which incorporates the new NEMA icon for emergency management, is replacing the previous logo on the agency's Web site, letterhead, press releases, etc.

Just as the new national symbol for emergency management, the Ohio EMA logo has three golden stars that serve as a visual reminder that there are county, state and federal agencies dedicated to protecting the lives and property of all Ohioans. The logo also incorporates the words: Public Safety, Public Trust. These simple words serve as guiding principles for Ohio's emergency management personnel at the county and state levels.

"Ohio's emergency management personnel are dedicated to the service of others," said Dragani. "We believe in protecting the safety of the public while continuing to earn the public's trust."

"On behalf of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio, I extend our congratulations to the Ohio EMA on the unveiling of their new logo," said Walker. "As the stars symbolize, Ohio's county and state emergency management personnel stand together, prepared to respond to any emergency or disaster that impacts our communities and to lead efforts against the effects of future disasters."

Both Dragani and Walker agreed that every Ohioan must accept the challenge to make their and their families' lives safer by becoming involved in the preparedness process. For more information about emergency management and the steps every home, business or school can take to prepared, to including having a disaster plan, disaster supply kit and weather alert radio, visit www.ema.ohio.gov, www.fema.gov or contact your county emergency management agency.

UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION (From Ohio EMA Weekly Report, dated Dec. 18) – A member of the Plans Branch attended Emergency Action Level (EAL) training at the United States Enrichment Corporation's (USEC) Portsmouth American Centrifuge Plant. Highlights of the emergency plan were reviewed and a status on plant development was presented. The depleted uranium hexafluoride (DUF6) conversion facility building project is three months ahead of schedule. Once it is operational, it will process more than 8,000 used cylinders of uranium hexafluoride and extract the uranium and other chemicals for commercial sale. The outer structure of the building is up and the interior is being finished.

In another area, the new prototype of the advanced centrifuge plant is going through tests, which will take a year or two. Once the testing is done, the full-scale commercial versions will be built. The old gaseous diffusion plant buildings are undergoing a review to determine their viability for other uses or for possible decommissioning and decontamination.

Homeland Security Current Threat Level (Domestic & International Flights):

HIGH

An Ohio EMA planner is assisting Ohio EMA Operations Division Director Mel House with the arrangement of the first committee meeting to discuss the federal fiscal year 2007 National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation guidance for Ohio. House is also the chairman of the Ohio NIMS Implementation Senior Advisory Committee.

Past implementation guidance packages developed by the committee have conveyed Ohio specificity and clarification relative to the published federal requirements and guidelines. NIMS was developed so responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together better to respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism. NIMS benefits include a unified approach to incident management; standard command and management structures; and emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management.

The National Incident Management System Integrated Center was established by the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide “strategic direction for, and oversight of, the National Incident Management System ... supporting both routine maintenance and the continuous refinement of the system and its components over the long term.”

The center oversees all aspects of NIMS, including the development of compliance criteria and implementation activities at federal, state and local levels. The integrated center provides guidance and support to jurisdictions and incident management and responder organizations as they adopt the system.

The NIMS Integrated Center is a multi-disciplinary entity made up of federal stakeholders and includes representatives of state, local and tribal incident management responder organizations. It is situated within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Nuclear Power Plant Update:

As of January 1, the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 of the Beaver Valley Power Station and the Perry Nuclear Power Plant are all operating at 100 percent.

EMA Updates

Darci Knack, Deputy Director

Tuscarawas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Ohio EMA Training and Exercise Section Reviews Exercises Completed in 2006

Ohio EMA’s Training Section of the Field Operation, Training and Exercise Branch oversaw and coordinated multiple exercises throughout 2006.

Fourteen terrorism-based drills and exercises were conducted at the local, state and federal levels, which encompassed five counties, four Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) areas and three state agencies/associations.

The Exercise section was also involved in the planning process for a state-level tabletop hazardous material exercise and two nuclear power plant exercises (a two-day plume and ingestion zone full-scale exercise with the Beaver Valley Power Station; and a partial participation exercise with the Perry Nuclear Power Plant).

Exercises conducted in 2006 included:

- Five Functional EOC Exercises
- Four UASI Full-Scale Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP) Exercises/ Validations
- Four Communications Drills
- Two State Agency Full-Scale Exercises

There are currently 10 state and local exercises scheduled through June of 2007.

For additional information, contact Darren Price, Exercise Program Manager, at (614) 799-3660.

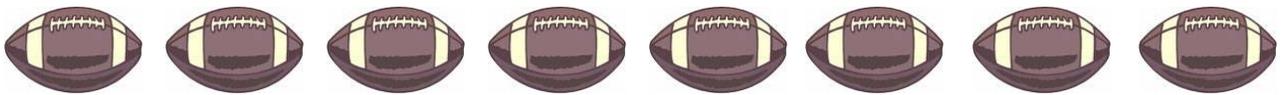
Ohio EMA Web Page Offers New Links



There are two new links available from the Ohio EMA Web site. One is the FEMA Web site, available “en espanol solamente” (in Spanish only). The “Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias” (Federal Emergency Management Agency) site offers the same information on storm safety and preparedness, updates on federal declarations, FEMA news releases, etc., as the English FEMA site. Its direct link is: www.fema.gov/spanish/index_spa.shtm.

The other is the Higher Education Resources link that offers a list of Ohio technical schools, colleges and universities that offer courses and degree programs in emergency management and homeland security. Each institution listed has a link directly to its home Web site. Its direct link is: www.ema.ohio.gov/higher_education/highereducation.htm.

These and other links pertaining to emergency management and preparedness are available from the Ohio EMA Web page: www.ema.ohio.gov.



Go Bucks! Beat Gators!

National Championship Game - Monday, January 8th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	January 1  <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>URSB Meeting - Ohio EMA</i> <i>Medical TAC - Ohio EMA</i>	9	10 <i>Disaster Recovery Ohio EMA</i>	11	12	13
14	15  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</i>	16 <i>HazMat TAC Ohio EMA</i>	17 <i>Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA</i>	18 <i>Water TAC Ohio EMA</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	February 1	2	3

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>

UASI: Urban Area Security Initiative - TICP: Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan - FS: Full Scale Exercise

TAC: Technical Advisory Committee